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1. The Jewish organization Irgun Zvai Leumi maintains secret offices on Strada Mantuleasa, Strada Dudesti, and Strada Vacaresti in Bucharest. The Secretary General of Irgun Zvai Leumi in Romania is David Herscu. His sister, Matilda Haimovici, a member of the Union of Democratic Rumanian Women, and wife of Chaim Haimovici, is also connected with the organization.
2. From October 1947 to April 1948 Irgun Zvai Leumi assisted between two and three thousand Jews to leave Romania clandestinely for Italy. During February 1948 approximately 500 Jews were aided. Clandestine departures ceased about 1 May 1948. It is believed that the arrest of numerous Jews attempting clandestine flights caused Irgun Zvai Leumi to suspend its assistance program.

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